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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before "Background of the Invention", please insert at the beginning of line 5 the following:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 09/255,179 filed February 22, 1999,
which--

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On page 1, line 5, please delete "This".

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

20. (Amended) A method for administering a therapeutic or prophylactic agent
comprising